

Claims

1. A process for the manufacture of a ruler for use in the accurate measuring of fabric for quilting, patchwork and other crafts, which process includes the steps of forming a ruler blank from a single layer of a substantially transparent material, printing, in one or more discrete stages, a pattern onto a surface of the blank, the pattern comprising a single colour or multi-colour pattern corresponding to the scalar markings on the ruler and in a further stage printing a non-slip pattern onto the same surface of the ruler, characterised in that the printing composition used for printing the non-slip pattern comprises an ink which can be dried using ultra violet light; an adhesive and a granular filler, capable of imparting non-slip properties to the surface of the ruler.
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2. A process according to claim 1 wherein the printing composition further comprises a photo initiator.
3. A process according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the granular filler comprises glass beads, ground glass, pumice or ground plastics materials.
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4. A process according to any of claims 1 to 3 wherein the pattern printed onto the ruler to provide the scalar markings is printed using a screen printing process using an ultraviolet printing ink.
5. A ruler which has been printed by the process according to any of claims 1 to 4.
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6. A ruler according to claim 5 which is a clear acrylic quilting ruler.